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(B) TANANARIVE 1522 (DRG 250705Z SEP 76)

1. WE ARE FULLY SYMPATHETIC WITH DESIRE OF FAMILIES OF BENNETT AND ALLEN NOT TO HAVE THEIR MENFOLK FURTHER REMOVED, BUT IN REALITY THEY CAN DO LITTLE FROM NAIROBI THAT CANNOT BE EQUALLY WELL DONE IN PARIS (TO WHICH THERE ARE FOUR DIRECT FLIGHTS A WEEK FROM TANANARIVE VERSUS TWO TO NAIROBI).

2. FROM STANDPOINT OF OFFICIAL WORK THAT COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED, NAIROBI OFFERS CERTAIN ADVANTAGES OVER PARIS. HOWEVER, WEIGHED AGAINST RISK OF MAJOR HOSTILE PROPAGANDA PLAY WHICH COULD SERIOUSLY EMBARRASS U.S. IN KENYA AND ELSEWHERE IN AFRICA, WE BELIEVE U.S. OFFICIAL INTERESTS BEST SERVED BY THEIR DEPARTURE FROM NAIROBI. WE DEFER TO EMBASSY TANANARIVE'S ESTIMATE OF HOW GDRM MIGHT EXPLOIT EXPULSION, BUT WE ARE MUCH MORE PESSIMISTIC ABOUT PRESS
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PLAY WHICH WOULD ENSUE IF SOVIETS, NORTH KOREANS OR LIKE-

MINDED COMRADES GOT WIND OF CONTINUED PRESENCE OF BENNETT AND ALLEN IN NAIROBI. FYI, KENYA PRESS HAS CARRIED BRIEF ITEMS REPORTING EXPULSION, BUT WITHOUT NAMES AND WITHOUT ANY HINT THAT BENNETT AND ALLEN ARE IN KENYA. END FYI.

3. THEREFORE, UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED BY DEPARTMENT, BENNETT AND ALLEN BOTH WILL DEPART NAIROBI AT 1645 LOCAL TIME SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 26 VIA OLYMPIC AIRLINES FOR ATHENS, ARRIVING 2230, REMAINING OVERNIGHT, CONNECTING TO TWO 849 ARRIVING PARIS 1230 MONDAY SEPTEMBER 27. TICKETS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED USING FISCAL DATA PROVIDED TO TSGT ALLEN BY USDAO TANANARIVE FOR HIS ORDERS TAKING HIM FROM TANANRIVE TO NAIROBI, RATHER THAN DIA PCS ORDERS. FOR BENNETT, WE NEED FISCAL DATA FOR T.A. TRANSFERRING HIM TO NOUAKCHOTT, WHICH SHOULD INCLUDE AUTHORITY FOR HIM AND FAMILY TO TRAVEL VIA PARIS. TSGT ALLEN'S FAMILY SHOULD ALSO BE AUTHORIZED TO TRAVEL VIA PARIS WHEN PCS ORDERS ARE PUBLISHED; TSGT ALLEN PLANS TO AWAIT THEIR ARRIVAL IN PARIS AND TO WORK ON OFFICIAL USDAO BUSINESS FROM PARIS.

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